

deputy, brought suit against him for arrears of the collection, obtained judgment and execution, and that two parcels of land, the property of said Lum, were sold under a fieri facias, and purchased by said Basil Williams, but that the state afterwards re-sold the said land under a younger judgment against said Lum, and purchased it in by her agent, which compelled the petitioner to bring an ejectment against the state, on which he recovered the said land at last September term, in the eastern shore general court, and that he incurred considerable costs and expence thereby, and that, in consequence of this conduct on the part of the state, the petitioner was for several years prevented and delayed in the sale of said land, and thereby rendered unable to pay a considerable part of his debt due to the state: Your committee further report, that the petitioners have been unable to give security to instal their debt, but they offer the assignment of a bond to the state for a large sum of money, as a collateral security, and also offer that the aforesaid land be sold under the directions of the state agent, and the proceeds thereof to be applied in discharge of so much of their debt; therefore, upon the whole of the facts stated in the petition, and upon an examination of the state agent as to their truth and propriety, your committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition is just and reasonable, and that the petitioners are entitled to, and ought to have, a further indulgence granted them, until the first day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and beg to recommend the following resolution in their favour, as persons deserving it, viz.

RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue on the judgment obtained by the state of Maryland against Patrick Hamilton, Basil Williams and John Crookshanks, any or either of them, until the first day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-four; provided, that the said Basil Williams, on or before the first day of March next, by writing, under hand and seal, authorize and empower the state agent, immediately thereafter, to sell and dispose of three hundred and fifteen acres of land in Cæcil county, called Lum's Lot and Stoney Range, for the use and benefit of the state, to be sold for cash or credit, at the election of the agent, so as best to secure and promote the interest of the state and the petitioners; and provided also, that the said petitioners, or one of them, cause to be assigned to the state, as a collateral security for their debt, on or before the first day of March next, a bond now in suit in the general court of the eastern shore, passed by Turbutt Wright, Solomon Wright and Clement Sewall, on the thirtieth of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-one, to Patrick Hamilton, in the penalty of three thousand pounds current money, to be applied, when recovered and received, to the payment of so much of their debt to the state of Maryland.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Howard, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, and the act to continue and amend the said act; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Randolph Brandt Latimer, respecting his collection of the uninstalled debt; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the agent's report, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Holmead, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill for the relief of William Benson, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and passed with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the fourth line of the second page, strike out the words "four hundred and fifty," and insert the words "five hundred."

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the Printer to the State strike one hundred copies of each of the auditor's accounts, No. 1 and 2, agreeably to his report, for the use of the general assembly.

On motion, ORDERED, That the second reading of the bill to alter and repeal part of the act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, be postponed till Thursday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to remove the market-house at the Head of Elk, and establishing the same, and for the advancement and regulation of said town, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Benjamin Cawood, of Charles county, praying that he may be allowed for the loss which he sustained by paying into the treasury the black state money at par instead of three for one, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. McPherson, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Waggonman and Mr. T. Wootton, to consider and report thereon.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, agreeably to the order of the day, and, on motion, the question was put, That the words "except as is herein after mentioned" be inserted after the words "militia duty" in the sixteenth clause of the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Contee, appeared as follow:

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Lloyd,	T. Worthington,	Jones,	Quynn,	Prall,	R. Wootton,
Mackall,	Howard,	Hollingsworth,	Duvall,	Driver,	Tomlinson,
Ridgely, of Wm.	Cox,	R. Bond,	Bayly,	McMechen,	Simkins.
Ridgely,	Kerr,	Contee,	J. Bond,		

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